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JIM GARRISON

JOEL DALY: The enigmatic shadow of New Orleans lanky District Attorney, Jim Garrison, has reached all the way to Los Angeles today in the form of a fugitive run for Edgar Eugene Bradley. Bradley, the West Coast Public Relations man for radio evangelists, is accused of complicity in the assassination of President Kennedy.

In a rambling news conference concerning his year old investigation, Garrison claimed to know that the FBI put out a message warning that an attempt would be made on the President's life November of '63. That J. Edgar Hoover knew about it but nothing was done.

President Johnson, he concluded, knows very well that Lee Oswald did not pull the trigger.

JIM GARRISON: You're being fooled. And all the people in America are being fooled. Why? Because he who controls the past controls the future. And power is involved, and if the truth came out, if the American people knew the truth, they would not tolerate these people continuing to be in power any longer. There would be no chance of that. They will not tolerate the truth being concealed from them, the protection of the assassins continued on a day to day basis by the Federal Government. They would not tolerate Lee Oswalds being made out to be the assassin when these individuals knew that he was providing information to the United States Government.

DALY: Oxford Professor, John Sparrow (?), who refers to Garrison as the Jolly Green Giant of New Orleans, says that future historians will be more fascinated by the aftermath than by the assassination; The apparent desire of the public to be deceived and the recklessness with which that gullibility has been exploited at whatever cost to the reputation of the innocent.